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BELGIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME THAT WHILE ACCOMPANYING QUEEN MOTHER ELIZABETH ON FORMAL CALL ON KHRUSHCHEV LATTER IN VERY BAD HUMOR REFERRED TO FLIGHTS OF AMERICAN PLANES CARRYING ATOMIC BOMBS TOWARD SOVIET UNION. KHRUSHCHEV WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO STORY IN RED STAR REPORTED EMBTEL 1767. WHEN AMBASSADOR ASKED IF HE MEANT HE BELIEVED THESE PLANES HAD MADE THESE FLIGHTS WITH INTENTION OF DROPPING SUCH BOMBS KHRUSHCHEV REPLIED THAT IT WAS PART OF WAR OF NERVES AND THAT ALTHOUGH EISENHOWER HAD A DIFFERENT NAME AMERICANS WERE BEHAVING LIKE HITLER. WHEN AMBASSADOR SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS MATTER KHRUSHCHEV MADE SOME RUDE REMARKS TO EFFECT THAT HE OUGHT TO BE INFORMED RATHER THAN SPENDING HIS TIME DRINKING TEA. HE ALSO SAID THAT BELGIUM HAD NO POLICY OF ITS OWN BUT DID WHATEVER US TOLD IT TO. WHEN AMBASSADOR REMARKED THAT HIS COUNTRY'S POLICY WAS INDEPENDENT BUT BASED ON FACTS AND NOT WILD RUMORS, KHRUSHCHEV SAID THAT AMBASSADOR THOMPSON AND SECRETARY DULLES WOULD ALSO DENY KNOWLEDGE OF EVENTS HE HAD CITED BUT AT RECEPTION FOR QUEEN AT KREMLIN LATER IN DAY HE WOULD PRODUCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND DISCUSS IT WITH THE TWO OF US. AT RECEPTION KHRUSHCHEV DID NOT REVERT TO MATTER AND ALTHOUGH I HAD BRIEF FRIENDLY CHAT WITH HIM I DID NOT RAISE IT MYSELF.

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